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SUBJ: RESCISSION OF TURKISH OPIUM BAN

REF: GENEVA 4578; STATE 152051

1. SUMMARY: INCB PRESIDENT REUTER SAW TURKISH AMBASSADOR
KIRCA JULY 19 TO DISCUSS POSSIBLE EFFORTS BY BOARD/ UN IN
CONNECTION WITH PROBLEMS ARISING IN WAKE RESCISSION TURKISH
OPIUM BAN. KIRCA AGREED IT WOULD BE USEFUL FOR SPECIAL UN
EMISSARY TO GO TO TURKEY TO TRY NEGOTIATITE CONDITIONS AND
KINDS OF ASSISTANCE WHICH MIGHT BE PROVIDED
UNDER UN AUSPICES TO HELP GOT CONTROL OPIUM CULTIVATION AND
PREVENT DIVERSION TO ILLICIT TRAFFIIC. KIRCA FURTHER AGREED
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THAT SIR HARRY GREENFIELD WOULD BE EXCELLENT CHOICE FOR

SUCH ASSIGNMENT. ON PROCEDURE, KIRCA SAID SUGGESTION RE GREENFIELD SHOULD BE INITIATED BY UNFDAC BUT HE WAS CERTAIN HE COULD OBTAIN GOT AGREEMENT GREENFIELD'S APPOINTMENT. KIRCA INDICATED HE WAS NOT NOW PREPARED RECOMMEND VISIT ANKARA BY REUTER. ALSO MADE CLEAR HE WOULD NOT FAVOR PERSONAL INTERVENTION ANKARA ON PART OF UNFDAC'S ACTING EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR MARTENS. REUTER/DITTERT HAVE APPOINTMENT SEE MARTENS JULY 22 TO PROMOTE GREENFIELD'S EARLY APPOINTMENT AS SPECIAL NEGOTIATOR. END SUMMARY.

2. INCB SECRETARY DITTERT HAS PROVIDED FOLLOWING SUMMARY OF JULY 19 LUNCHEON CONVERSATION BETWEEN REUTER AND KIRCA. REUTER BEGAN BY REITERATING HIS STRONG VIEW THAT CONDITIONS UNDER WHICH OPIUM BAN HAD BEEN LIFTED ARE CERTAIN RESULT IN TURKEY'S AGAIN BECOMING MAJOR CENTER OF ILLICIT TRAFFIC IN NARCOTICS; THAT ONLY HOPE OF AVOIDING SUCH DEVELOPMENT WOULD BE FOR TURKEY TO MOVE QUICKLY TO CREATE, TEST AND PUT INTO EFFECT STRONG CONTROL/ENFORCEMENT SYSTEM, REDUCE POPPY CULTIVATION DRASTICALLY AND POSTPONE SOWING. REUTER SAID HE THOUGHT IT WOULD BE USEFUL FOR OUTSIDE NEGOTIATOR TO TRY ASAP TO WORK OUT: (A) CONDITIONS UNDER WHICH CONTROL/ENFORCEMENT ASSISTANCE UNDER UN AUSPICES MIGHT BE EFFECTIVE, AND (B) KINDS OF AND ARRANGEMENTS FOR ASSISTANCE. REUTER INDICATED HE THOUGHT SPECIAL NEGOTIATOR WOULD HAVE BE INTERNATIONAL PERSONALITY EXPERIENCED IN OPIUM PRODUCTION CONTROLS AND KNOWLEDGEABLE RE ENFORCEMENT MEASURES AND ALTERNATE PRODUCTION POSSIBILITIES. NEGOTIATOR SHOULD ALSO BE INDIVIDUAL IN WHOM BOTH TURKEY AND MAJOR CONTRIBUTOR, I.E, U.S. COULD HAVE CONFIDENCE. FORMER INCB PRESIDENT GREENFIELD SEEMED BE OBVIOUS CHOICE.

3. KIRCA RESPONDED THAT HE THOUGHT UN NEGOTIATOR COULD BE HELPFUL, ALTHOUGH (HE LOWERED HIS VOICE AT THIS POINT) TALKS WERE GOING ON AT HIGH LEVEL BETWEEN U.S. AND TURKEY. AS FOR IDENTITY OF SPECIAL NEGOTIATOR, HE PERSONALLY THOUGHT GREENFIELD WAS EXCELLENT IDEA AND HE WAS CERTAIN HE COULD OBTAIN GOT'S AGREEMENT TO GREENFIELD.

4. REUTER REMARKED HE THOUGHT U.S. MIGHT ALSO FAVOR APPOINTMENT OF GREENFIELD AND EXPRESSED VIEW THAT MOST CONFIDENTIAL

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EXPEDITIOUS WAY PROCEED WOULD BE FOR GOT REQUEST GREENFIELD'S SERVICES. KIRCA SAID NO, SUGGESTION SHOULD BE MADE BY UNFDAC. KIRCA ALSO MADE CLEAR THAT SPECIAL NEGOTIATOR SHOULD BE IN ADDITION, NOT IN LIEU OF MANBY. SAID HE HAD CONFIDENCE IN MANBY AND THOUGHT HIS VISIT SHOULD IN ANY EVENT PROCEED AS ALREADY SCHEDULED.

5. REUTER ALSO RAISED QUESTION AS TO WHETHER HE PERSONALLY

MIGHT PLAY USEFUL ROLE BY HIMSELF VISITING ANKARA AT EARLY DATE TO EXPRESS HIS VIEWS ON SITUATION. KIRCA REPLIED THERE WAS RISK NEGOTIATION MIGHT FAIL. THEREFORE HE DID NOT CONSIDER IT WOULD BE PRUDENT FOR INCB TO BE INVOLVED. BOARD SHOULD BE LEFT TO PURSUE ITS OWN SPECIAL JUDICIAL FUNCTIONS UNDER NARCOTICS TREATIES. KIRCA NOTED HE SIMILARLY WOULD NOT FAVOR PERSONAL INTERVENTION ANKARA BY UNFDAC'S ACTING EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR MARTENS. REUTER OBSERVED THAT KIRCA WOULD BE RECEIVING "STIFF" NOTE SETTING FORTH HIS POSITION. KIRCA NODDED.

6. COMMENT: NEXT STEP WILL BE TO CONVINCE MARTENS TO MOVE IMMEDIATELY TO ARRANGE APPOINTMENT GREENFIELD SO THAT HE CAN PROCEED ASAP TO ANKARA. REUTER/DITTERT HAVE APPOINTMENT SEE MARTENS JULY 22 FOR THIS PURPOSE AS WELL AS TO DELIVER WRITTEN STATEMENT (COPY TO KIRCA) OF REUTER'S POSITION ON TURKISH SITUATION. SPEED IS ALL THE MORE IMPORTANT BECUASE KIRCA WHO IS IN BEST POSITION EXPEDITE MATTERS ON TURKISH SIDE WILL BE ON MONTH'S LEAVE BEGINNING END OF THIS MONTH. WITH THIS IN MIND, DITTERT/WE THOUGHT OF HAVING REUTER MAKE HIS PITCH DIRECTLY TO DIRECTOR-GENERAL WINSPEARE. UNFORTUNATELY WINSPEARE IS OUT OF TOWN UNTIL END OF AUGUST.

7. WE PLAN DEFER APPROACH TO MARTENS PENDING REPORT FROM DITTERT ON RESULTS REUTER/HIS DISCUSSIONS WITH MARTENS.

8. TEXT OF REUTER NOTE TO MARTENS AND REPORT OTHER DEVELOPMENTS FOLLOW. ABRAMS UNQTE INGERSOLL

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